

## **RESOLUTION NO. 14-660**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that LTC (Ret.) James L. Lorder, Jr. will be the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented during the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., Third Annual Scholarship Gala to be held in the Boone-Lacey Fellowship Hall at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, on September 25, 2014. The theme for the Gala is "Changing the Paradigm: Educational Excellence Through STEM;" and,

**WHEREAS**, LTC (Ret.) James L. Lorder, Jr., a native of Marlin, Texas, is a retired career United States Army Officer who gallantly served his country through deployments in combat environments. In addition to serving in the military for more than 20 years, he worked in leadership positions involving the development of policies and procedures for missile systems; managed budgets exceeding \$15 million; developed, administered and evaluated Equal Employment and Upward Mobility Programs; planned and monitored operation of ammunition supply in a combat environment; and reviewed, analyzed and monitored technical programs of an Air Defense Weapon System; and,

**WHEREAS**, following his distinguished military career, LTC (Ret.) Lorder entered the education profession and became a mathematics instructor at Lee High School in Huntsville, Alabama, ultimately serving as the chairperson of the mathematics department. An advocate for quality teaching, he often stated, "Teaching is about inspiring others to discover their purpose and potential." The students enjoyed his mathematics classes because he taught them how to master learning and thinking. In addition to teaching at Lee High School, he taught mathematics in the Upward Bound Program at Alabama A&M University; and,

**WHEREAS**, after retirement from the Huntsville City School System, LTC (Ret.) Lorder continued to tutor students, helping them to recognize and develop their potentials to excel in mathematics and science, and for heightened performance on national college entrance exams, such as ACT and SAT. Dedicated to teaching and having the willing desire to help others, he also served as a volunteer mathematics teacher at Union Chapel Christian Academy for two years; and,

**WHEREAS**, LTC (Ret.) James L. Lorder is truly an educator and humanitarian, assisting others while shying away from recognition. His bubbling personality and undeniable humor are among the little things that make him special. His selfless service epitomizes what it means to have a heart that bleeds for others; and,

**WHEREAS**, he earned the Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Prairie View A&M University. In recognition of his service to humanity and the education profession, he has received scores of meritorious awards and honors. He is a faithful member of Union Chapel

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Missionary Baptist Church, where he serves on the Budget and Planning Committee. During the construction of the church, he dutifully chaired the Budget and Finance Committee. Also, he is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and,

**WHEREAS**, LTC (Ret.) James L. Lorder and his wife Joanna are the proud parents of three children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize and commend LTC (Ret.) James L. Lorder as the Lifetime Achievement Awardee. We gratefully acknowledge and congratulate the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., on their Third Annual Scholarship Gala and extend best wishes for continued success.

**ADOPTED** this the 11th day of September, 2014.

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President of the City Council of  
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
Huntsville, Alabama